THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) adn (b) The Government of India is in the process of reaching an agreement with the ADB for a loan to support the Capital Market Development Programme. In this context the Government of India is formulating strategies for automated trading in debt and equity securities and automated settlement of trades on exchanges.

(c) There is no proposal to make a loan available for SEBI from the IMF.

Telephones in Village Panchayats

*69. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide telephones to all village panchayats;

(b) if so, the number of village panchayats provided with telephones as on the 30th September 1993;

(c) the number of village panchayats yet to be provided with telephones.

(d) what steps Government propose to take to provide telephones to the remaining village panchayats;

(e) the number of electromechanical exchanges which are worn out or the life of which has expired, and are still to be replaced by electronic exchanges as on the 30th September, 1993; and

(f) what are the steps taken to replace the worn-out exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on 30th September, 1993, out of a total of 2,32,347 Panchayat, villages, the number of such villages with telephone facility is 1,04,135 and witnout telephone facility it is 1,28,212.

(d) Government have planned to provide telephone facility to the remaining panchayat villages by 31st March, 1995 progressively subect to availability of resources.

(e) (i) As a first step Government have planned to replace all electromechanical exchanges of the Type MAX III and MAX II (LF) irrespective of their life as a part of modernisation plan of Eighth Plan objective.

(ii) The other electro mechanical exchanges of the type MAX II (US) and MAX I are also being replaced on expiry of their prescribed life. The details of such exchanges as on 30.9.1993 is being worked out and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(f) About 4 lakh lines of electromechanical exchanges are likely to be replaced during the current financial year.

Waiting List of Telephones in the Country

*70. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of pending telephone applications State-wise till date;

(b) what is the break-up of the same in metropolitan cities; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide telephone connections early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM). (a) The details are given in Statement I (See below).

(b) The break up of the pepnding applications as on 1-10-93 in the metropolitan cities are:—

	OYT	N-OYT	TOTAL
(a) Bombay	23927	194831	218758
(b) Delhi	20003	335257	355260
(c) Calcutta	1887	66870	68757
(d) Madras	12312	103222	115534

(c) As per 8th Plan objective, the waiting period for Telephone Connection is to be reduced to two years in large Telephone System and Telephones practically on demand in rural| tribal areas, by the end of 8th Plan period (92—97). The expansion of the exchanges is being planned to meet the above objective accordingly. During 1993-94 about 11 lakh telephone connection are planned for all the States and details State-wise and for metro cities are given in statement-II.

Statement I

Pending applications for Telephone category-wise as on 1-10-1993.

Sl. No.	State	OYT	N-OYT	TOTAL
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	9135	190331	199466
2	Assam	274	12677	12951
3	Bihar	471	48341	48812
4	Gujarat (including Diu, Daman, Dadar & Nagar Haveli)	17350	224037	241387
5	Haryana	2878	73738	76616
6	Himachal Pradesh	155	17049	17204
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1288	22384	23672
8	Karnataka	6027	193195	199222
9	Kerala (includes Lakshadweep U.T)	25153	300760	325913
10	Madhya Pradesh	1965	93683	95648
11	Maharashtra (includes Goa State)	44351	462011	506362
12	N.E. (includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)	256	7567	7823
13	Orissa	11	11059	11070
14	Punjab (includes Chandigarh U.T.)	13452	191126	204578
15	Rajasthan	7689	186239	193928
16	Tamil Nadu (includes Pondicherry U.T.)	23871	317343	341214

1	2	3	4	5
17	Uttar Pradesh	3305	154430	157735
18	West Bengal (includes Sikkim & Andaman Nicobar Island)	3006	88034	91040
19	Delhi	20003	335257	355260
		180640	2929561	3110201

Statement-II

Circlewise Telephone connections targetted for 1993-94

Sl. No.	Name of the circle	Target for 1993-94
1	Andhra Pradesh	77000
2	Assam	13000
3	Bihar	27000
4	Gujarat	81000
5	Haryana	41000
6	Himachal Pradesh	10000
7	Jammu & Kashmir	7000
8	Karnataka	62000
9	Kerala	53000
10	Madhya Pradesh	98000
11	Maharashtra	114000
12	North East	7300
13	Orissa	26000
14	Punjab	51000
15	Rajasthan	62000
16	Tamil Nadu	63500
17	Uttar Pradesh	115000
18	West Bengal	17000
19	Bombay	42800
20	Calcutta	34200
21	Delhi	76600
22	Madras	33200
	TOTAL	1111600